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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Box Continuation

Sir:

Applicant has received an Advisory Action relating to United States Patent Application No. 09/201,977, in which it was indicated that claim amendments attempted after a final rejection would not be entered because, according to the Examiner (Ms. Monica Carter), they raised new issues for consideration. Because Applicant has filed a Notice of Appeal regarding U.S.S.N. 09/201,977, the due date for the filing of an Appeal Brief by Applicant is today, May 22, 2001. In lieu of filing said Appeal Brief, Applicant files herewith a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/201,977. Prior to the examination of said continuation application, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record; the amendments render the title, specification, and claims in the form which they would have had if the amendments attempted after final rejection of the parent case had been entered.

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